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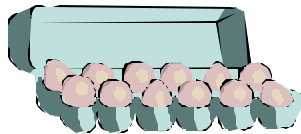
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were usually lower on the lighter weights, and unchanged to occasionally higher on the larger sizes. The market tone was about steady. Retail demand was mixed in a full range, with the occasional feature and resort areas drawing best movement. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to at times available. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for normal schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC SHELL** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2.5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums, when based on previous week average prices. Prices were unchanged in Boston and New England. The market tone was about steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to available for all sizes. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for slaughter needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate and was best where featured. Supplies on all sizes were adequate to available.

**MIDWEST** In Detroit loose small prices were 2 cents lower, balance of prices in Detroit were unchanged. All prices in other areas were unchanged. The trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to good, best where featured in major metropolitan cities and into vacation areas. Supplies were adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Additional demand for heavy nest run product was moderate with most buyers closely watching market developments. Trade sentiment was steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into retail and food service was light to moderate and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies generally adequate, except jumbo's and smalls somewhat tight.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were lower on mediums, and unchanged on the larger sizes. In Florida, prices were higher on the larger sizes, but lower on the lighter weights when based on previous week averages. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was about moderate to fairly good entering the week, best into refill where strong weekend clearances were reported. Supplies were about adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southeast region for the week ending June 16, 2000, was 7.73 cents more than the week before, and 11.36 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for immediate needs.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region, medium and small unchanged in the Northwest but 3 cents lower in California. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand light to only fair. Offerings generally ample.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	98-100	90-92	63-65
New York	68-70	65-68	52-55
Philadelphia	66-68	64-66	51-52
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	59-60	57.5-59	43-44
Jackson (1)	69-70	67-68	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	69-77	65-73	49-57
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	57-62	56-61	41-46
Detroit (2)	54-57	53-56	37-40
Major Ohio Cities (2)	55-61	54-59	38-44
Major Wisconsin Cities	58-65	56-63	41-48
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	77-79	72-74	56-58
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	97	90	71
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light. Offerings generally ample. Small invoice price 51. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	113		
EXTRA LARGE	97		
LARGE	90		
MEDIUM	71		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	219-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	195-239
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	175-239
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 23, 2000 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending June 16, 2000 were 244,499 cases which was 5 percent below the prior week and 12 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	212,157	32,342	244,499
% change from the prior week.....	-4	-10	-5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were about adequate to adequate for current needs. Breakers closely watch current egg movement and work from regular commitments at this call. Additional demand for heavy nest runs was moderate. Floor stocks continue tight to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.  
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	30-34	32-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-19	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly lower when compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were slow with production ample for need. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-JUN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15.5	7.5-9.75	9.17

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was slow and unaggressive for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were about normal as sales of canner product was slow to clear. The market tone was barely steady to weak.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-JUN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-14.5	5.75-8.25	8.45

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM June 19,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.7	13.3	5.9	12.1	10.0	47.0
	Change	-1.5	2.3	0.5	1.2	1.0	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.1	34.7	10.9	25.9	21.4	115.0
	Change	2.5	5.9	1.7	1.1	2.3	13%
Large	Curr Wk	30.2	65.5	45.4	70.8	82.0	293.9
	Change	4.8	5.4	-1.0	-0.6	8.5	6%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.0	33.1	20.6	24.9	30.5	122.1
	Change	2.0	0.2	-0.6	-1.7	-2.5	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	5.2	3.5	6.8	3.5	23.0
	Change	-0.8	-1.5	1.0	-0.5	-2.1	-14%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	14.6	8.5	10.3	7.4	45.5
	Change	-0.3	-8.2	2.2	-0.1	0.9	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.6	38.8	11.4	20.7	37.6	125.1
	Change	-4.2	6.7	-4.0	-2.2	-0.9	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	96.3	205.2	106.2	171.5	192.4	771.6
Percent	Change	3%	6%	0%	-2%	4%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	771.6	2%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	390.2	0%	39

Total Shell Egg	1161.8	2%	209
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	163	159.9	150.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JUNE 5, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	127	127	117	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUNE 16, 2000**CURRENT LOADS** 15.00**FUTURE LOADS** 10.50**TOTAL LOADS** 25.50

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	44.00	37.63	39.67	4.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	50.00	—	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	51.00	47.00	—	3.00		GL W SM	—	27.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W LG	—	—	46.00	48.00	41.00	51.00	3.00										
GL W MD	—	—	34.00	35.50	25.00	26.75	4.50										
GL W SM	—	27.50	25.00	28.00	—	—	3.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	35.50	37.00	1.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 06/10/00-06/16/00**CURRENT LOADS** 104.00**FUTURE LOADS** 45.25**TOTAL LOADS** 149.25

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W XL	—	—	44.00	46.00	—	—	1.00		GNR W 1	46.00	48.93	—	—	—	—	—	22.00
GNR W 1	42.50	47.00	43.50	44.70	42.05	39.00	29.00		GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	46.00	—	44.25	38.25	39.67	14.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	71.00	69.60	1.25	
GNR W 4	—	—	30.17	31.50	—	—	3.00		GL W XL	46.79	53.33	—	—	—	53.14	8.75	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.00		GL W LG	41.50	51.31	—	50.00	—	52.14	14.75	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	62.50	—	1.00		GL W MD	28.50	—	—	34.00	30.50	33.00	2.00	
GL W XL	—	—	—	51.00	46.86	51.00	16.50		GL W SM	—	27.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W LG	—	53.00	47.26	48.60	43.00	51.00	17.25		NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	30.00	34.00	35.50	25.00	26.75	16.75		NRBS - 45	25.00	27.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W SM	30.00	29.83	26.00	29.33	—	—	7.00		NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	33.91	35.25	17.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	18.00	6.00										

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 06/04/00 - 06/10/00**

Origin State	AR	CA	CO	IA	LA	MI	MN	MO	NH	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	780	1,490	0	0	24,000	0	0	0	878	0	0	0	27,148
C. CA	0	0	0	2,428	0	0	1,583	0	810	0	0	0	721	528	6,070
S. CA	2,482	800	3,153	16,703	575	840	3,330	2,689	0	2,403	0	1,410	3,220	0	37,605
TTL STATE	2,482	800	3,933	20,621	575	840	28,913	2,689	810	2,403	878	1,410	3,941	528	70,823

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	79-82	71-74	44-47	18-21

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
62-65	53-59	51-56	35-40	29-33

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
37-39	23-25	19-21

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
72.71	59.33	48.35

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	06/12/00	06/05/00	06/14/99
PACIFIC COAST	386	449	98
LOS ANGELES	298	349	49

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

PRICES DELIVERED

TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR JUNE 13, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTD AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	148.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 06/4/00-06/10/00  
30-dozen cases 3,780

Receipts from the mainland: 05/28/00-06/3/00  
30-dozen cases 3,665

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